

THE CLAIMS

The claims of the application, as amended, are:

1. (Currently Amended) A scented pellet arranged to be added to the melt pool of a candle for introducing scent to the candle comprising a bulk material ~~and~~, a scent and a coating, wherein the concentration of scent in the coating is less than the concentration of scent in the bulk material, and wherein the pellet is arranged to release the scent upon melting of the bulk material.
2. (Original) A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the bulk material comprises a wax.
3. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the volume concentration of scent in the pellet is at least 3%.
4. (Original) A pellet according to claim 3, wherein the volume concentration of scent is at least 5%.
5. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to claim 3 ~~or claim 4~~, wherein the volume concentration of scent is at least 10%.
6. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to Claim 3 ~~any of claims 3 to 5~~, wherein the volume concentration of scent is at least 50%.
7. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the scent is a perfume.

8. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to any of claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 6~~, wherein the scent is fragrant oil.

9. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the bulk material and scent are mixed to form a solid at room temperature.

10. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 8~~, wherein the bulk material and scent are mixed to form a paste at room temperature.

11. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 9~~, wherein a mixture of bulk material and scent comprises foamed solid material at room temperature.

12. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 8~~, wherein the pellet comprises a liquid scent core within a solid bulk material.

13. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the bulk material contains a colourant.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the coating is made from wax.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to claim ~~14 or claim 15~~ 1, wherein the coating contains no scent.

18. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to ~~any of claims 14 to 17~~, claim 1, wherein the coating contains a colourant.

19. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the diameter of the pellet is between 2mm and 30mm.

20. (Original) A pellet according to claim 19, wherein the diameter of the pellet is between 3mm and 20mm.

21. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the pellet comprises ~~any one of~~ a shape selected from a sphere, cylinder, cube, tear-drop, disc, horseshoe, cigar shape and ~~or~~ any other suitable ergonomic shape.

22. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the pellet is shaped such that the wick of a candle can pass inside its outer bounding perimeter.

23. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the melting temperature of the bulk material is in the range of 40°C to 90°C.

24. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 23, wherein the melting temperature of the bulk material is in the range of 55°C to 90°C.

25. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the outer surface of the pellet is treated to reduce the porosity of the pellet.

26. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the outer surface of the pellet is treated to increase the mechanical strength of the pellet.

27. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the bulk material further comprises additives to increase the uptake of scent.

28. (Currently Amended) A pellet according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the bulk material further comprises additives to increase the hardness of the bulk material.

29. (Original) A method of introducing scent to a candle, the method comprising the step of adding one or more scented pellets to the melt pool formed around the wick of a lit candle.

30. (Original) A method according to claim 29, further comprising the step of allowing the one or more pellets to melt in the melt pool of the candle, facilitating release of the scent.

31. (Original) A method according to claim 30, wherein scent is released by the motion of convection currents established in the melt pool of the candle.

32. (Canceled)

33. (Canceled)